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1. A Soviet army tailor shop was located in front of the Soviet-occupied barracks at 6 Heinrich-Heine-Strasse in Prenzlau. The shop was subordinate to Konsum-Spezialhandel-Abteilung 8 which had its central office at 14 Karl-von-Ossietzky-Strasse in Eberswalde. Very few instructions were actually issued by the Eberswalde office for the Prenzlau installation. The mail, however, was always routed through Eberswalde.
2. The services of the tailor shop were available to Soviet units as well as individual officers and civilian employees of the Soviet army. Units placed their orders and made their payments through the superior unit in Eberswalde; private customers dealt directly with the tailor shop. There was no direct contact between the all-German staff of the tailor shop and Soviet officials, although the shop used the telephone of the Soviet officers' post exchange.
3. Prices to be charged were fixed by Spetstorg-Tsentrosnab in Leipzig. A new price list, effective 1 September 1954 and signed by Lt. Gen. Andrevsky, was received in Prenzlau via the Eberswalde office and contained the following changes:

<u>Article</u> (military)	<u>New Price</u> (Eastmarks)	<u>Old Price</u> (Eastmarks)
overcoat (heavy)	117.25	125.00
overcoat	112.50	120.00
jacket	84.14	97.00
blouse (full dress)	102.60	115.00
blouse	87.20	98.00
trousers	32.93	32.93
breeches	38.02	38.02

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<u>Article</u> (military)	<u>New Price</u> (Eastmarks)	<u>Old Price</u> (Eastmarks)	25X1
shirt	32.80	32.80	
(civilian)			
overcoat (heavy)	118.00	115.00	
overcoat	115.00	115.00	
suit	110.00	118.00	

Supposedly, these prices were the same as those paid by the Soviet army in the USSR, with an allowance for the cost of exchange from rubles to eastmarks.¹ 25X1

4. The following Soviet officers were known as regular customers:

a. Major Podubny, [redacted]

b. Captain Merkushev, [redacted]

c. Captain Koryen, [redacted]

d. Senior Lieutenant Pisklin, [redacted]

1. [redacted] Comment: It is not clear precisely what service was performed by the tailor shop for the amounts charged. 25X1

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